



## Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 6 January 2009

Current Nationwide  
Threat Level is



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- Reuters reports that eight people died and one was injured in Sunday's crash in Louisiana of a helicopter carrying oilfield workers. (See item [11](#))
- According to eFluxMedia, the social networking Web site Twitter announced over the weekend that it has detected a phishing scam on its Web site. (See item [32](#))

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## Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *January 5, Reuters* – (International) **Eni says Nigeria break cuts oil output by 12,000 bpd.** Italian oil and gas group Eni SpA said on Monday that the closure of a pumping station in Nigeria following a spillage incident had reduced oil production by 12,000 barrels per day. An Eni spokeswoman said an explosion had occurred in the Nembe region of Nigeria following attempts to siphon off oil from pipelines illegally. The incident had resulted in the closing down of a pumping station run by Eni's Agip unit. On Saturday, the Nigerian military said saboteurs had blown up an oil pipeline operated by Agip in the Niger Delta late on Friday, adding it was not a militant attack. On Sunday, gunmen hijacked a vessel belonging to french oil services group, Bourbon off Nigeria's Niger Delta as it traveled toward a Royal Dutch Shell offshore oilfield. The vessel was carrying four expatriates when it was attacked near the Bonny Fairway buoy, a major shipping route for the Nigerian oil services industry. "It was hijacked by

gunmen in about five speedboats. The vessel lost contact with the control room around the Okwori oilfield area near Bonny,” a private security contractor working in the oil industry told Reuters.

Source:

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/oilRpt/idUKL56881120090105?pageNumber=1&virtualBrandChannel=0>

See also:

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20090104/wl\\_nm/us\\_nigeria\\_delta;\\_ylt=AlaQLwLYV4co1351tPtLBji96Q8F](http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20090104/wl_nm/us_nigeria_delta;_ylt=AlaQLwLYV4co1351tPtLBji96Q8F)

2. *January 4, Pensacola News Journal* – (Florida) **Wreckage on the rails.** By 3 p.m. Sunday, CSX crews had repaired the railroad where six engines and 13 train cars derailed 32 hours earlier in Santa Rosa County, Florida. The cause of the derailment is still under investigation by CSX officials, a CSX spokesman said. CSX and other workers worked to clean up an estimated 23,000 gallons of non-hazardous petroleum that spilled at about 6:20 a.m. Saturday, following the derailment. Original reports had the amount spilled varying from 12,000 to 23,000, but a spokesman confirmed Sunday morning that the entire contents of the petroleum container were spilled. He said the operation would be supervised by state and federal authorities. Officials with the Environmental Protection Agency were on site Sunday morning. The accident occurred as the train traveled east in an area with a “passing siding” — an area where one train moves onto a second set of tracks so another can pass. CSX will inspect the tracks and locomotive, and company officials plan to download information from the event recorder if the train was equipped with one, he said.

Source: <http://www.pnj.com/article/20090104/NEWS01/901040327>

3. *January 2, KULR 8 Billings* – (Montana) **CHS Refinery fire cause.** Investigators pinpointed the cause of the Christmas day explosion at the CHS Refinery in Laurel, Montana. Officials say a pipe failed where they make ultra low sulfur diesel. One employee was admitted to a local hospital for minor injuries. Repair crews are currently working on electrical systems and pipes where the fire caused damage. Since the accident, the refinery has been operating at a reduced capacity, and officials hope to have it at normal operation in the next few weeks.

Source: <http://www.kulr8.com/news/local/37021234.html>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

4. *January 5, National Park Gallery* – (Ohio) **Sulfuric acid spilled in tanker crash, driver killed.** The driver of a tanker truck carrying 3,000 gallons of sulfuric acid lost control of his vehicle in the early morning hours of December 26 and crashed into a gully on Cuyahoga Valley National Park property. The operator was killed in the accident. Approximately 50 gallons of sulfuric acid spilled onto the ground; the remaining acid was siphoned into another tanker. At the time of the crash, the truck was making a delivery to the city composting facility. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency was notified and brought chemicals to neutralize the acid. A private contractor

removed the contaminated soil. The crash occurred in a fairly remote area, and as a precautionary measure the National Park Service (NPS) temporarily closed a section of the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath trail. The NPS and Akron Police Department are working together on the investigation. Akron PD is leading on both the collision and death investigations; the NPS is assessing the clean-up and final restoration efforts. This is the same location as a tanker truck rollover two months ago.

Source: [http://www.nationalparksgallery.com/park\\_news/7721](http://www.nationalparksgallery.com/park_news/7721)

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector**

5. *January 3, Patriot-News* – (Pennsylvania) **TMI moves communications base 55 miles from plant.** If there is ever another accident at Three Mile Island (TMI), the main source of information will be in Coatesville — 55 miles away. That is where local reporters would have to go to speak to officials of the nuclear power plant near Middletown in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. Plant owner AmerGen has merged the Susquehanna Twp. emergency communication center with one based in Coatesville, near the company's regional headquarters. That center serves two other plants. AmerGen said the site is within driving distance of Harrisburg-area news media, and is also bigger and better than the one it replaced. Three Mile Island Alert, a local watchdog group, opposed the move, for reasons including the possibility of communication breakdowns. AmerGen contends modern communications technology such as satellites and Internet access can help bridge the gap and provide direct, effective communication. Source: [http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2009/01/tmi\\_bases\\_communications\\_cente.html](http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2009/01/tmi_bases_communications_cente.html)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

6. *January 4, Associated Press* – (National) **Marines in combat still seek a better flak vest.** Acting on widespread complaints from its troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Marine Corps has ordered major modifications to its body armor to improve comfort, mobility, and safety, the Associated Press has learned. The decision results from a survey of more than 1,000 Marines, many of whom reported that their flak jackets, which cost the Marine Corps more than \$100 million, were too heavy and restrictive. Body armor has been an issue since the Iraq war began in 2003. At 30 pounds, the current vest is bulky and between one to three pounds heavier than its predecessor depending on its size, adding to the burden on Marines who carry more than 90 pounds of gear. Army officials testifying before Congress in 2007 said they turned down the vest because it was heavier and no more effective than what the Army was using. Because the vest rides higher on the chest for added protection, and features shoulder straps and buckles for adjustment and quick removal, several Marines blamed it for causing facial bruises when rifle butts slipped during recoil. To better shoulder their weapon, some Marines loosened straps to lower the vest, exposing their upper torsos,

according to a Marine field commander in Iraq who spoke on condition of anonymity because it is against policy for troops to alter the vest.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hc7ipU3gcQQ3tOVfDbNIK0N3qrpwD95G64980>

7. *January 4, Air Force Times* – (National) **All-quadrant gun set for Osprey installation.** Special Operations Command remains on track to install all-quadrant 7.62mm Gatling guns underneath seven Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) CV-22 Ospreys in 2009, a SOCOM program manager said. The gun has passed a series of tests including firing from a hover in August. Critics had ripped defense acquisition officials for designing a tilt-rotor aircraft to infiltrate behind enemy lines and deliver special operations troops without an all-quadrant weapons system. Marine versions of the Osprey will also have a forward-firing gun, but the interim weapons systems will be installed only on AFSOC birds. CV-22 flight engineers will fire the gun with what looks like a PlayStation controller while viewing targets on a screen that is fed images from a color camera and forward-looking infrared sensor. “A secondary benefit is that the troop commander and the guys onboard will have a lot more SA while they watch what’s happening on the screen,” a spokesman said.

Source: [http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2009/01/airforce\\_osprey\\_gun\\_010409/](http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2009/01/airforce_osprey_gun_010409/)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

8. *January 5, Wall Street Journal* – (National) **Madoff chasers dug for years, to no avail.** Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC was examined at least eight times in 16 years by the Securities and Exchange Commission and other regulators, who often came armed with suspicions. The serial regulatory failures were on display Monday when Congress holds a hearing to probe why the alleged fraud went undetected. Among the key witnesses is an SEC inspector who was asked last month by the agency’s chairman to investigate the mess. SEC examiners seemed to be looking in the right places, yet still were unable to unmask the alleged scheme. For example, investigators were led astray by concerns that the defendant was placing orders for favored clients ahead of others to get a better price, a practice known as “front running.” Concern that the SEC lacks the expertise to keep up with fraudsters is the latest criticism of the agency.

Source:

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB123111743915052731.html?mod=googlenews\\_wsj](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB123111743915052731.html?mod=googlenews_wsj)

9. *January 3, Maryville Daily Times* – (Tennessee) **Feds charge Whitehouse in \$17M bank fraud scheme.** An assistant U.S. attorney filed against the Maryville businessman Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Knoxville that accuses him of three counts of defrauding banks of a total of \$16,935,025. The defendant was owner of the now defunct Maryville-based firms of Medical Data Specialists, Resource Imaging, Data Management Services and Procynet, along with Direct IS in Knoxville and Basic Communications in Nashville. The firms, which abruptly collapsed in June 25, 2008 were primarily engaged in medical and computer hardware services. The first count

charges the defendant executed a scheme to defraud AmSouth Bank and its successor, Regions Bank, causing a loss of \$14,189,749. The information claims the defendant provided the bank with bogus serial numbers for fraudulently represented licences for medical management software. Count 2 charges the defendant defrauded BankEast of \$950,567. The charges involve bogus software licenses as well as bogus service agreements. Count 3 claims Clayton Bank and Trust lost \$1,794,709 due to a scheme by the defendant involving nonexistent software licenses and service agreements that also never existed.

Source: <http://www.thedailytimes.com/article/20090103/NEWS/301039990>

10. *January 2, American Banker* – (International) **Data hackers shift to phishing for domain name credentials.** Security experts are warning financial companies of a relatively new type of computer attack in which hackers gain control of a bank's domain name. The technique gained widespread attention last month when hackers briefly took over the domain names of Fiserv Inc.'s CheckFree bill payment unit, and observers say they have seen signs that this form of attack will be used more widely this year. The domain name system, or DNS, attack "in late 2008 has started getting a lot of attention from attackers, as opposed to past years, when this area was pretty quiet," said the chief technology officer at Trusteer Ltd. of Tel Aviv. "The major reason" for the trend, he said, "is that attackers found out that it is much easier to get users to browse to so-called legitimate sites rather than direct users to sites that are obviously not legitimate." Most phishing attacks involve fake sites that replicate a bank's site but must be hosted elsewhere. In some cases, fraudsters are able to register domain names that include the brand of the site they are imitating, but people who type banks' domain names into the browser each time they visit would typically not be directed to fake sites.

Source: [http://www.americanbanker.com/usb\\_article.html?id=20081231QS6OX4TQ](http://www.americanbanker.com/usb_article.html?id=20081231QS6OX4TQ)

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## **Transportation Sector**

11. *January 5, Reuters* – (Louisiana) **8 die in U.S. oilfield services helicopter crash.** Eight people died and one was injured in Sunday's crash in Louisiana of a helicopter carrying oilfield workers, the U.S. Coast Guard said. The crash, about 75 miles southwest of New Orleans, involved an aircraft operated by Petroleum Helicopters Inc. of Lafayette, Louisiana, a news release said. The U.S. Coast Guard responded to a distress signal and found the downed aircraft in a marsh. A Coast Guard helicopter took the survivor to a hospital in critical condition, local news reports said. Eight bodies were recovered by the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Department, the Coast Guard said. The cause of the crash was under investigation.

Source: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/oilRpt/idUKN0535022920090105>

12. *January 5, WTVH 5 Syracuse* – (New York) **Plane off runway at Hancock Airport.** An American Airlines plane slid off the runway at Hancock Airport Sunday night due to the icy conditions. No one was hurt in the incident. A passenger on the plane tells CBS 5 the plane started skidding and slid into a snow bank off the runway. No other information is available at this time.

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/28498807/>

13. *January 4, WTVR 6 Richmond* – (Virginia) **AirTran flight evacuated at RIC.** An AirTran flight from Richmond International Airport to Orlando had to be evacuated before takeoff Sunday afternoon, due to smoke in the cabin. There were 119 passengers and 5 crew members onboard at the time. Everyone exited the plane and returned to the terminal. No one was hurt. It appears the smoke was coming from the unit used to power the plane's air conditioning system. Some oil may have gotten on the unit causing the smoke.

Source: <http://www.wtvr.com/Global/story.asp?S=9615305>

14. *January 4, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **France foils two Somali pirate attacks, holds 19: Paris.** A French warship Sunday foiled attempts by Somalian pirates in the Gulf of Aden to seize two cargo vessels and intercepted 19 people, the French president's office said. "Three days after a French vessel thwarted an attack on a Panamanian cargo ship" the frigate Jean de Vienne conducted a "decisive action" against "two new attacks" it said in a statement. "The 19 Somali pirates who tried to seize the two boats were intercepted," it added, saying they carried weapons, ammunition, and material for boarding ships. "They will be transferred to the Somali authorities," it added. The French defense ministry said pirates attempted to attack a Croatian and a Panamanian ship and that French forces seized assault rifles, two rocket launchers, and more than 1,000 liters of oil. On Thursday, a French warship thwarted an attack by pirates, presumed to be Somalis, on a Panamanian-flagged cargo vessel. They arrested eight suspects to be handed over to the Somali authorities.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hIK9cDPMoaqoxDxXhCc195LFxaPg>

15. *January 4, Vancouver Sun* – (International) **Thousands stripped of quick passage cards across border.** More than 6,500 people have had their NEXUS memberships revoked, banning them from special lanes that allow speedy travel through select Canada-U.S. border crossings. NEXUS membership costs \$50 for five years and is granted to people who submit to fingerprinting and pass a security check. Some 6,500 people have had their NEXUS memberships revoked, banning them from special lanes that allow speedy travel through select Canada-U.S. border crossings. To date, 6,534 people have had their NEXUS memberships revoked. Members are only checked on a random and infrequent basis for contraband and other violations, meaning that the actual number of violators would likely be much higher. A total of 186,045 Canadian citizens and 72,241 American citizens are members, as well as 3,418 permanent residents of both countries. The 6,534 revoked memberships are not broken down by country. A spokeswoman of the Canada Border Services Agency said NEXUS memberships can be revoked for a variety of reasons, including failure to comply with agriculture regulations, giving one's membership card to another person, importing commercial goods, or travelling with non-members. But she confirmed that "most commonly, NEXUS members have their cards revoked for non-declaration of goods purchased, acquired, or received."



Source: <http://www.canada.com/topics/news/national/story.html?id=1141537>

16. *January 4, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Passenger arrested for bomb threat at St. Louis airport.** An airline passenger was arrested after authorities said he made a bomb threat when flight attendants asked him to close his laptop computer before takeoff. The man was on board a United Express flight to Washington Saturday afternoon at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport. An airport spokesman said that when attendants asked him to close his laptop, “he mentioned a bomb or made a bomb threat.” Police were called, and the man was arrested. The flight was delayed more than two hours while police searched the plane for explosives, but nothing was found.

Source: [http://www.kansascity.com/news/breaking\\_news/story/964170.html](http://www.kansascity.com/news/breaking_news/story/964170.html)

17. *January 4, WPXI 11 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Fog played role in Indiana Co. plane crash.** Airport officials said a small plane with three people aboard crashed Sunday night, and fog played a role in the crash. A nursing supervisor at Indiana Regional Medical Center said one of those involved in the crash is in critical condition and two others are in guarded condition. Indiana County 911 reported that police were searching for the missing plane at about 7 p.m. Officials said the pilot was attempting to land at Jimmy Stewart Airport but was unable to do so because of the fog. The airport manager said visibility was low at 6 p.m. when the single-engine Piper Cherokee missed its approach and crashed into a hillside about three-quarters of a mile north of the airport. He said the plane had taken off from the airport earlier in the day. He said the Federal Aviation Administration is expected onsite Monday to continue the investigation into the crash.

Source: <http://www.wpxi.com/news/18410144/detail.html#->

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

18. *January 3, WCPO 9 Cincinnati* – (Ohio) **Bomb squad detonates package at post office.** The Hamilton County bomb squad detonated a suspicious package at the Loveland Post Office just after 10:00 a.m. Saturday. U.S. Postal Inspectors told 9News that the package had black smoke coming out of it when postal employees notified authorities. Officials say cameras on board a remote controlled robot determined that the package contained an old kerosene lantern. The lantern was ordered by a Loveland resident through Ebay. The package originated from Kansas. Postal inspectors say it is illegal to ship any type of fuel. Postal workers were evacuated around 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning. No one was hurt as a result of the incident.

Source: <http://www.wcpo.com/news/local/story/Bomb-Squad-Detonates-Package-At-Post-Office/gZZVhxZ1A0qUYUdPpyifeg.csp>

19. *January 2, Palm Beach Post* – (Florida) **Nothing suspicious found after evacuation of West Palm Beach courthouse.** A bomb scare shut down the bottom floor of the Palm Beach County courthouse and closed several surrounding streets for more than two hours Friday evening, according to the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office. Nothing was found. A sheriff’s office dog doing a routine sweep around 4:30 p.m. in the mail

room on the first floor of the downtown courthouse alerted officers that it had smelled something suspicious in a white plastic mail bin, said a sheriff's sergeant. The sheriff's office evacuated the first floor and called in the bomb squad, he said. After checking for several hours, no explosives or dangerous materials were found in the mail room, and the courthouse was cleared at 6:55 p.m. He said the plastic container may have at some point come in contact with chemicals that the bomb-sniffing dog mistook for explosives. Source:

[http://www.palmbeachpost.com/localnews/content/local\\_news/epaper/2009/01/02/0102suspiciouspackage.html](http://www.palmbeachpost.com/localnews/content/local_news/epaper/2009/01/02/0102suspiciouspackage.html)

20. *January 2, KCAL 9 Los Angeles* – (California) **Man drops off suspicious package at post office.** Orange County Sheriff's deputies responding to a reckless driving call Friday found an individual acting suspicious at the Dana Point Post Office. The man, who dropped off an envelope, was wearing rubber gloves at the time and was acting strange, according to postal workers. Deputies followed him to a nearby restaurant where he was detained. According to a police lieutenant, the man said he was in a rush to get to the post office before it closed. He said he had been doing yard work earlier and forgot that he was wearing the gloves. The facility was evacuated while a bomb squad and the Orange County Fire Authority Hazmat were called to inspect the envelope. The envelope and a box left underneath the counter at the post office were cleared. Source: <http://cbs2.com/local/Dana.Point.post.2.899236.html>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

21. *January 5, Food Production Daily* – (National) **X-ray irradiation does not affect food quality, say U.S. scientists.** X-ray technology is effective in killing bacterial pathogens in leafy greens without causing undesirable changes in product quality, claim U.S. researchers. Researchers at Michigan State University (MSU), claim that X-rays can kill bacterial pathogens such as E. coli 0157:H7 and Salmonella on the most delicate vegetables as well as extending the shelf life of the produce. Irradiation from other sources has been used for years to protect ground meat and other products. The process exposes foods to ionizing radiation that kills insects, moulds, and bacterium and the technology can kill up to 99 percent of pathogens. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently published a final rule allowing the use of irradiation for iceberg lettuce and fresh spinach; the technology can already be used with other foods such as spices, poultry, and shellfish including oysters, clams, and scallops. The X-ray technology, continued the MSU scientists, is being tested in the university's biosafety level-2 pilot processing facility and is being commercialized by U.S. company Rayfresh Foods. The CEO of Rayfresh Foods claims the potential for widespread contamination is compounded by the mingling of greens from different sources in processing plants. He claims that food irradiation based on the use of gamma rays from radioactive material or machine-generated electron beams tends to cause cellular damage and visually degrade food, whereas irradiation using x-rays promises a gentler, more scalable approach. Source: <http://www.foodproductiondaily.com/Quality-Safety/X-ray-irradiation-does->



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22. *January 3, U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (Wisconsin) **Wisconsin firm recalls bacon bit products for possible Listeria contamination.** Patrick Cudahy, a Cudahy, Wisconsin, firm, is recalling approximately 3,590 pounds of bacon bit products that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced January 3. The bacon bit products were produced on Nov. 13, 2008 and distributed to restaurant and institutional establishments in California, Colorado, Florida, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin. The problem was discovered through in-house testing by an establishment that received the product. FSIS has received no reports of illnesses associated with consumption of this product.  
Source: [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News & Events/Recall 001 2009 Release/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News%20&%20Events/Recall%20001%202009%20Release/index.asp)

23. *January 2, Imperial Valley News* – (International) **Produce firm pleads guilty to importation of pesticide contaminated produce.** Two business owners of a South Florida produce firm pleaded guilty to charges related to the importation of produce contaminated with illegal pesticides following a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) investigation. Fresh King Inc., a produce importer and distributor based in Homestead, Florida, plead guilty to felony charges that they conspired with others to smuggle snow peas and sugar snap peas originating from Guatemala that could be or would be contaminated with illegal pesticide residues; that they entered and introduced such produce into U.S. commerce by means of false and fraudulent invoices, declarations, and papers; that they knowingly and willfully made materially false statements and used materially false documents concerning such produce; and that they introduced and delivered for introduction into interstate commerce, the snow peas and sugar snap peas, that were adulterated and misbranded, with the intent to defraud and mislead consumers. "Protecting the integrity of the food supply of the United States is one of ICE's most important responsibilities," said the special agent in charge of ICE's Office of Investigations in Miami. The defendants circumvented the FDA automatic hold and testing process for snow peas and sugar snap peas originating from Guatemala by conspiring with other individuals including sample collectors. These sample collectors conducted biased and rigged samples from distinctly marked and sized produce boxes believed to contain produce free of illegal residues of the pesticides methamidophos and chlorothalonil, as opposed to random samples from throughout the shipment of produce boxes.  
Source:  
[http://www.imperialvalleynews.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=3810&Itemid=1](http://www.imperialvalleynews.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=3810&Itemid=1)

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## **Water Sector**

24. *January 4, Record Net* – (California) **Tainted water discovered.** The agency that supplies Stockton with most of its drinking water has found contamination from a

seemingly unlikely source: its own water-treatment plant. In late October, the Stockton East Water District detected a manufactured chemical known as carbon tetrachloride in water that had already been treated, and later concluded that the chemical came from chlorine tanks used to purify water at the district's plant on Main Street east of Stockton. The public was not notified because the district considered the risk minor, said the general manager of Stockton East. State health officials agreed that immediate notification was not necessary. Carbon tetrachloride, or CCl<sub>4</sub>, was detected at a level exceeding state standards, but lower than a more relaxed federal standard.

Source:

[http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090104/A\\_NEWS/901040331/-1/A\\_NEWS](http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090104/A_NEWS/901040331/-1/A_NEWS)

25. *January 2 San Mateo County Times* – (California) **Peninsula water will be milky starting Monday.** Peninsula residents may notice something strange about their tap water on Monday — a milky quality that will settle out if a glass is left to sit for a few minutes. The water will be full of harmless bubbles but will be perfectly safe to drink, say officials. The bubbles will come from a water supply switchover that will allow the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to perform annual maintenance on a water tunnel that normally carries water to the Bay Area from the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir in the Sierra foothills. For at least two weeks, San Mateo County residents will instead be drinking and washing in water exclusively from Crystal Springs Reservoir — water that may take on a milky hue due to the extended treatment program it will go through. Water that normally flows north to Bayside communities from Hetch Hetchy through the Bay Division Pipeline will now be moving south from North County to communities such as Redwood City and Menlo Park, as Millbrae's Harry Tracy Water Treatment Plant ramps up its production to accommodate the demand.

Source: [http://www.insidebayarea.com/news/ci\\_11351058](http://www.insidebayarea.com/news/ci_11351058)

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

26. *January 4, KITV 4 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **Suspicious looking box prompts clinic's evacuation.** Workers evacuated from a medical clinic in Kalihi Friday morning after an employee found a suspicious looking box. Firefighters responded to the call at about 8:15 a.m. at the Kokua Kalihi Valley Center. A worker discovered a small fiberglass box in the basement and did not know to whom it belonged. Workers said they saw the box on Wednesday but did not call authorities until Friday. The employees stood outside the building while crews investigated. The police bomb squad found that the box had no explosives or chemicals and that it contained some mechanical equipment, which was probably left as a donation.

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/28474485/>

27. *January 2, New York Times* – (New Jersey) **Law on flu vaccinations may be tested.** New Jersey's new law requiring young children attending licensed pre-school and child care centers to get flu vaccinations will be tested when thousands of children return to classrooms and playrooms after the long holiday break. New Jersey, the first state in the

nation to require flu shots for young schoolchildren, set a December 31 deadline for parents to obtain flu vaccinations for their children. It was part of a new policy requiring a total of four additional immunizations for schoolchildren over the objections of some parents who worry about possible risks from vaccinations. The requirement applies to children between 6 months and 5 years who are attending licensed day care and preschool programs. State public health experts said that flu shots for young children are important for overall public health. Health officials said they would not know until after the holiday how many children have met the requirement. The state relies on schools, preschools, and day care centers to collect immunization records from parents and then forward the information to the state.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/01/04/nyregion/new-jersey/04flunj.html>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

28. *January 5, Associated Press* – (New York) **Elizabeth courthouse evacuated after bomb threat.** Authorities have reopened two buildings in the Union County Courthouse complex after an hour-long evacuation Monday because of a bomb threat. The undersheriff said the courthouse tower and annex buildings were evacuated around 8:10 a.m., before many people had arrived for work. The buildings were reopened after 9 a.m. after a search did not turn up any explosives. A state police sergeant says the threat was phoned in Monday morning.

Source: <http://www.1010wins.com/Elizabeth-Courthouse-Evacuated-for-Bomb-Threat/3600143>

29. *January 4, Associated Press* – (International) **Police, protesters clash near U.S. Beirut embassy.** Police fired tear gas on Sunday at scores of demonstrators rallying against Israel's ground offensive in Gaza as the protesters tried to reach the U.S. Embassy compound north of the Lebanese capital, Beirut. Lebanese police first used water hoses to try to push about 250 demonstrators away from the U.S. Embassy. But when that did not work, they fired tear gas, said Lebanese security officials. Five civilians and one policeman were lightly injured in the clash, according to the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hEnNcEIZkLYEx0wEoVQcI0Dw9uLQD95GF6K80>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

30. *January 4, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **New mobile center to help manage disasters in St. Bernard.** More than three years after Hurricane Katrina flooded its two emergency mobile command units, St. Bernard Parish is preparing to roll out a new mobile center that will help authorities manage disasters. The 32-foot-long vehicle will have five computer work stations and the latest satellite and radio

technology, parish officials said. The Federal Emergency Management Agency is footing the approximate \$200,000 price tag. The head of St. Bernard's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness expects the unit to get a lot of use not just in St. Bernard but regionally. Training will include members of the Sheriff's Office and Fire Department, two agencies that also will have use of the center. The parish will also offer the unit to New Orleans for use during emergencies or events such as Carnival.

Source:

[http://www.nola.com/news/index.ssf/2009/01/new\\_mobile\\_center\\_to\\_help\\_mana.html](http://www.nola.com/news/index.ssf/2009/01/new_mobile_center_to_help_mana.html)

31. *January 5, Litchfield Register-Citizen* – (Connecticut) **Police, fire may get cameras, new dispatch system.** The Torrington Police Department is currently seeking bids from companies to install camera systems in police cruisers as the police and fire department look at centralizing their dispatch systems. The departments are waiting for the city purchasing agent to finalize certain specifications. Certain companies will then be recommended to the city council, even though the department will eventually go to the safety board for the purchasing. Police are also looking to fit their vehicles with computers, allowing for a paperless reporting system. In recent months, the city began looking at centralizing the dispatch system among fire, police, and emergency services, allowing for greater fluidity of calls. That project is closer to finalization. Initially, a centralized dispatch system will be placed at the city police department.

Source:

<http://www.registercitizen.com/articles/2009/01/05/news/doc4961a7f1e6a69314166753.txt>

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## **Information Technology**

32. *January 5, eFluxMedia* – (International) **Twitter detected phishing scam.** The social networking Web site Twitter announced over the weekend that it has detected a phishing scam on its Web site. A message on the Web site warns users to be suspicious about links that redirect them to Web sites looking similar to those on Twitter.com and request them to enter their log in credentials. The co-founder of Twitter posted a message on its blog in which it admitted that there is a phishing swindle “directed at Twitter users” which consists of emails that are automatically sent to users’ inboxes and look very similar to personal notification messages. The emails contain texts such as “hey! check out this funny blog about you?” and “Hey, i found a website with your pic on it? LOL check it out here.” He added that users should always log on Twitter through the homepage only, as it is the most secure way to do it. However, many of them use third party services or other Web pages to do this, so they will not be so mistrustful when they will have to enter their user name and password on the Web site provided by the fake email message. Twitter announced that it would reset passwords of users that have been scammed, but it also recommends that all users should do the same in order to be sure that their information is not stolen and used to defraud others, too.

Source:

[http://www.efluxmedia.com/news\\_Twitter\\_Detected\\_Phishing\\_Scam\\_32582.html](http://www.efluxmedia.com/news_Twitter_Detected_Phishing_Scam_32582.html)

33. *January 5, ComputerWeekly* – (International) **Security risk in Windows 7 pirates.**

Installing leaked copies of Microsoft's Windows 7 operating system is highly risky. Pirate versions of an early build of Microsoft's latest operating system are available on file-sharing networks. Windows 7 is under final developer testing ahead of an expected commercial release later this month. But security firm Fortify Software says there is no way of knowing whether or not hackers have tampered with the 2.44Gbyte file. Anyone downloading and installing the operating system could find their PC generating malware, denial of service attacks, and spam, said Fortify. It is highly unlikely that any IT security application will protect users from internally coded malware in the operating system, said the director of product marketing at Fortify. "Fall-out from using an unofficial version of the new operating system could be quite severe," he said. Microsoft has extended its Bitlocker encryption technology to support portable storage devices. Microsoft said users will also be able to connect securely to Windows Server 2008 networks without the need for a VPN.

Source: <http://www.computerweekly.com/Articles/2009/01/05/234051/security-risk-in-windows-7-pirates.htm>

34. *January 5, IDG News Service* – (International) **Bangalore IT companies receive e-mail threats.** IT companies in Bangalore, including Infosys Technologies and Wipro, received an e-mail last week threatening to blow up their facilities, according to police officials. The e-mail was addressed to six companies in Bangalore, said Bangalore's joint commissioner of police on January 5. The mail was sent from a [locate](#) on in Bangalore, and police are working on tracking the sender, he said. Infosys has received a threatening e-mail, also addressed to various other companies, said a spokeswoman for the company. Local authorities have been contacted and are investigating, while security continues to be on alert in all Infosys campuses, she added. Wipro declined to comment on the e-mail threat.

Source:

[http://www.pcworld.com/article/156313/bangalore\\_it\\_companies\\_receive\\_email\\_threats.html](http://www.pcworld.com/article/156313/bangalore_it_companies_receive_email_threats.html)

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## Communications Sector

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

35. *January 5, WFOR 4 Miami* – (California) **Bomb squad detonates bag outside of school board building.** Miami-Dade School Board employees, who were returning to work Monday morning, encountered a delay when a suspicious package was discovered in front of the Miami-Dade School Board building. Miami Police used yellow tape to cordon off the front entrance of the building and also shut down the road. Employees were told to enter the building on the 1500 block of Biscayne Boulevard. After several hours, the Miami Police bomb squad safely detonated the bag. It was a harmless bag of clothes. The investigation into the suspicious package prior to the detonation caused delays on the Metromover Omni Loop.  
Source: <http://cbs4.com/local/Suspicious.Package.Miami.2.900042.html>
36. *January 5, First Coast News* – (Georgia) **Hazmat explosion under investigation in St. Marys.** A small explosion involving possible hazardous materials is under investigation at a discount store in St. Marys. Employees at the Dollar General store in St. Marys told police they heard a “loud noise” followed by a “rather bad smell” as one store clerk described it. The incident happened on New Year’s Day around 2 p.m. A customer said a bottle exploded in the back of the store. The employees called 911 and evacuated the store. Police found an empty, clear bottle with liquid that had sprayed on some of the merchandise. Police also found a “small clump” that looked similar to aluminum foil. Investigators are reviewing images from a security camera that show two vehicles leaving the parking lot moments before the store manager called 911. Investigators have not released anything as to what the liquid might be.  
Source: <http://www.desastres.org/noticias.php?id=05012009-18>
37. *January 4, Kalamazoo Gazette* – (Michigan) **Man stored chemicals before.** Documents obtained by the Kalamazoo Gazette indicate the Texas Township man who used his property to store nearly 500 barrels of hazardous materials — including laboratory chemicals and radioactive substances — ran a similar operation near Ann Arbor about 16 years ago. The documents also show strikingly similar patterns to what authorities found on the man’s Texas Township property in August: corroded, leaking containers of hazardous wastes, many lacking clear labels. In both cases, authorities learned of the messes after mishaps that got the attention of fire officials, and in both cases taxpayer money was spent on the cleanups. In Texas Township, state and federal agencies spent \$1.3 million on the cleanup. It is not known why the man was storing chemicals in the backyard of his \$400,000 Texas Township residence. It is unclear how long he has owned the property, although township records show he applied for a building permit for a structure at the site in 1994. An official has said some of the chemicals found on the 33-acre site could be up to 15 years old. State and federal officials began investigating the Texas Township site last August when firefighters responded to a pole-barn fire on the property and discovered the contaminants. Investigators found 40,000 to 50,000 smaller containers inside the barrels. Some of the barrels were found in a pit, and others were placed above ground in secluded, wooded areas. Officials said there was not an immediate health risk. The man could face possible criminal and civil actions in the case.



Source: <http://www.mlive.com/news/kzgazette/index.ssf?/base/news-32/123104640859690.xml&coll=7&thispage=1>

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## **National Monuments & Icons Sector**

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## **Dams Sector**

38. *January 5, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Engineers plan inspections of 3 dikes in Minn.** Dam engineers plan to inspect dikes that hold large volumes of coal ash at three Minnesota power plants. The dikes are 18 to 50 feet high and are at three large coal-fired power plants near Becker, Cohasset, and Hoyt Lakes. They enclose ponds filled with wet ash, and contain lead, mercury, and other compounds. State regulators and dam owners Xcel Energy and Minnesota Power say the dikes and ponds have not caused environmental problems. A state dam engineer said the inspections will occur later this year. They will follow the failure last month in Tennessee of a dike built of dredged ash that had been soaked by rain at a power plant west of Knoxville, Tennessee. He says he believes the three Minnesota dikes are well-designed and well-maintained, and are closely monitored by the utilities that own them.

Source: [http://www.kttc.com/Global/story.asp?S=9617205&nav=menu1348\\_2](http://www.kttc.com/Global/story.asp?S=9617205&nav=menu1348_2)

39. *January 5, New Orleans City Business* – (Louisiana) **Terrebonne expedites \$30.2M in levee work.** Parts of Terrebonne Parish that flooded during Hurricane Rita in 2005 are about to get some added protection from \$30.24 million in improvements to non-federal levees. The improvements will provide greater flood protection to those areas but should not be mistaken for completed hurricane protection elevation levees, said the Terrebonne Public Works director. “It’s more for tidal protection and forced drainage,” he said. “This is what we consider our redundant level of protection.” Contractors will begin turning dirt in February on an accelerated project for repairs, replacements, modifications, and improvements to the Suzie Canal and Orange Street non-federal levees in Dulac. The work will be finished by this hurricane season. “The original notice to proceed was scheduled for April 2010 and construction was expected to last about 12 months,” said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District spokeswoman. “We will be complete by June 2009, so this accelerated schedule is taking approximately 21 months off the original schedule.” The Corps expects to award contracts for the project this month. Money for the project was specifically designated to rehabilitate non-federal levees in Terrebonne in June 2006 as part of the fourth supplemental emergency hurricane repair appropriations. Of the estimated 100 miles of levees requiring repairs or upgrades, parish officials and the Corps identified the Suzie Canal and Orange Street levees as the most critical.

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